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Girl Witness Tells New Version of Bergen's Slaying

BOTH ASSEMBLY AND SENATE ADOPT GOVERNOR'S MEASURE; WALKER ATTACKS HARDING

Hylan Amendments Presented, but Received Few Votes—Senator Says "Rip Van Winkle President" Is Responsible for Present Conditions in Country.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.) ALBANY, Aug. 29.—Gov. Miller's coal programme is now law, requiring only his signature to put it into effect.

The Assembly passed the measure unanimously shortly after 1 o'clock and a little over an hour later the Senate also adopted it without a dissenting voice.

Opposition to the bill was but slight. Representative Donahue, minority leader, presented five amendments containing the programme of the New York City Democrats. They were summarily voted down.

When it came to the final vote on the bill Democrats and Socialists joined the Republicans and voted aye.

During the discussion in the Senate, Senator James J. Walker, minority leader, took the floor and bitterly assailed the Republican administration at Washington as being responsible for the present nationwide famine.

"I charge here," said Senator Walker, "that the President of the United States is more responsible than any one individual in this country for the radical war-time measure we are resorting to today."

"Just picture this great, prosperous, glorious country of ours, four years after the end of war, appointing a war dictator for the purpose and distribution of coal. I'm not saying that the action being taken today is not necessary. Just how necessary it is, in fact, I am not aware."

"If we did not have a Rip Van Winkle Government at Washington, and an anemic Government, we would not be assembled here at this moment."

"Four years ago we were told by the Republicans that we needed a change. We certainly got it. We are to have a dictator who may invade our country at will in search for hidden coal."

"The Republican State Legislators can appoint dictators to invade our cellars. But the Republican National Legislature refuses to appoint dictators to go down into the mines and compel the coal barons to deliver."

"This coal dictator will see that the retail profiteer does not overcharge us. Who is to see to it that the wholesale profiteers at the mines do not overcharge us for coal coming into the State? In other words, the fuel dictator will have to take the price handed him by the coal barons."

"We have a Federal Administration with power, which it will not use. Let us get back to that much touted condition of normalcy."

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HARDING GIVES UP PLAN TO BUY, SELL, DISTRIBUTE COAL

Federal Agency System, With Large Capital, Goes by the Board.

CONGRESS IS ADVISED.

Will Be Content With Bill for Supervising the Distribution.

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PLEA OF WAYMEN TO DEFINE "LIVING WAGE" IS REFUSED

Labor Board Denies Motion in Increased Pay Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT ASKED.

Decision Says Transportation Act Provides "Just and Reasonable Wage."

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Girl Witness in Murder Who Told Kline Story Which Led to Slaying



MISS ALICE THORNTON.

AMERICAN GOLFERS LEAD ENGLISH IN TITLE PLAY

Four Home Stars Hold Advantage in Matches for Walker Cup.

SOUTHAMPTON, Aug. 29 (Associated Press).—The American amateur golfers led their English rivals for the Walker Cup in four of the eight 36-hole matches to-day when the first eighteen holes had been played. The English were ahead in the other four, but since the Americans captured three of a quartet of four-ones yesterday, the invaders faced a tough uphill fight this afternoon. They would have to capture six of the eight matches to-day to win the trophy.

The four Americans in the lead when the balls had rolled into the eighteenth hole were R. T. Jones, Jr., who was 1 up on Robert Withers, Charles (Chick) Evans, 3 up on John (Tony) Francis Dunnet, 1 up on C. A. Aymer, and R. A. Girdner, 3 up on William R. Torrance.

Civil Tolley of England led Jesse Gifford of the United States, two up in the feature match of the morning. The other three Britishers in the lead were C. V. L. Hooman, who was 2 up on Jesse Sweetser, W. W. MacKenzie, 2 up on Max E. Mason, and Bernard Durwin, 1 up on Captain W. C. Fowkes Jr., of the American team.

FORD PRICES BOOSTED \$1.50 BY COAL CRISIS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—It would cost Henry Ford \$1.50 more per "Oliver" to manufacture his automobiles at the present high price of coal, Secretary of Commerce Hoover said today in commenting on the demand for increased intention to come down his plants Sept. 16.

Ford has said that he would be free to pay the present price, even if he could get an increase in the price of coal.

SWEDEN GOES WET - BY 44,000 MAJORITY

Vote Was, Prohibition 897, 584; Against 942,129.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 29.—A vote of 14,515 against Prohibition is shown by the unofficial tabulation of the vote cast in Sunday's referendum throughout Sweden on what has been believed to be complete repeal.

These figures show: Against Prohibition, 942,129; for Prohibition, 897,584; majority against, 44,542.

STOCKS JUMP UP, NEW RECORDS FOR YEAR ARE REACHED

Remarkable Exhibition of Strength for Many Wall Street Issues.

The stock market this afternoon gave a remarkable exhibition of strength, and more than a score of issues registered new high points for the year. About a dozen of these touched new high marks for the last several years.

Railroad stocks initiated the movement, but leadership was soon assumed by industrial issues in the latter group in the last hour of trading, ranging from two to more than 6 points.

Brokers reported that the bulk of the buying was for public account. Wire houses did an unusually large volume of business. One of the surprising phases of the forward start was that so little stock was offered for sale on the rise.

There were no special news developments to account for the movement, but most brokers credited it to predictions of a quick ending of the anti-trust strike carried in Washington dispatches.

Among the more important advances were American Ice 5 points, American Locomotive 3 points, Allentown 3 points, Baldwin 3, Chittenden 2-1/4, Otis Elevator 3, Retail Stores 2-1/4, Western Union 4-1/4, Tobacco Products 2-3/4, Postum 2-3/4, Brooklyn Union Gas 2-3/4, Bethlehem Steel 2-1/4, Crude Oil 2, American Telephone 1-5/8, to a new high for the year, and Iron Pipe 1-1/2, May Department Stores 3, and North American 6-1/2.

Among the rails the more conspicuous advances were Reading, 2 points, Union Pacific, 2; Peru Marguerite, 1-1/2; Lehigh Valley, 2-1/4; Missouri Pacific, 1-1/2; Erie, 1-1/2; New York Central, 1-1/2; Chicago & North Western, 1-1/2; Northern Pacific, 1-1/2; and Great Northern, 1-1/2.

Optimism was likewise reflected in other markets, notably cotton and sugar exchanges. Cotton rose \$1 5/8 a bale.

PITTSBURGH OPERATORS ASK MINERS FOR PEACE

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 29.—Yesterday's unanimous district and State-wide vote against the proposed union of the United Mine Workers and the operators of the Pittsburgh Coal Producers' Association this afternoon was a scale under the Cleveland agreement.

BERGEN ACCUSED BY GIRL IN FRONT OF KLINE'S JUST BEFORE HE MET HIS DEATH

Pretty, Blond Secretary, Asked to Repeat Charge, Went to Edgewater and Slaying Followed—Authorities Still Believe Girl Used to Lure Actor to House to "Make Up."

An entirely new turn was given the investigation of the killing by George Kline at Edgewater, N. J., of Jack Bergen, movie actor employed by various companies to substitute for stars in daredevil "stunts" before the camera, by a statement made by Miss Alice Thornton of No. 514 West 136th Street to-day. In talking to an Evening World reporter with much reluctance and hesitation, Miss Thornton gave an entirely different version of her part in the tragedy from that which the Bergen County and Edgewater authorities permitted to become current after County Detective Allyn and Police Capt. Dinan interviewed her last night.

Miss Thornton, who is a tall, willowy blonde with bobbed hair and of remarkable beauty, said she was never employed in the moving picture business, but was a secretary in a downtown business house. She was introduced by a schoolmate to Jack Bergen, she said, two years ago, when she was seventeen years old. They were quite friendly until recently.

Some time ago, she said, when was told Bergen was married, when she asked him about it he evaded her questions. He introduced her to the Kline home last June and she went there frequently.

On one occasion about a week before the Kline went to Saratoga, she said, she witnessed conduct on the part of Bergen and Mrs. Kline at Edgewater in Kline's absence which convinced her that Bergen was no true friend of Kline.

About a week ago Kline was attempting to patch up a difference she had with Bergen and dwell at great length on Bergen's fine qualities and his loyalty to his friends.

"I couldn't quite stand it," she said, "knowing the things I did, and I told him he didn't know what he was talking about. I told him what I had seen. He did not believe me. At last he asked me if I could tell the story before Mr. Bergen."

Last Friday evening, Miss Thornton said, Kline telephoned to her and asked her to come to Edgewater. She did not know then and does not know now whether it was true, as told by the Edgewater investigators, that she was used as a lure to get Bergen to their home by saying he could "make up with Alice" if he would come right over and everybody would be happy again.

It is the belief of the investigators that Kline did send a message to Bergen and made his wife confirm it in order to disarm Bergen of suspicion that his life was in danger. They believe Bergen knew what Miss Thornton had told Kline, but that he was persuaded that she must have withdrawn her accusations and wanted to make friends with him again.

"When I reached the Kline house," Miss Thornton said, "Mr. Bergen was already there. The Scullions, her brothers, also were there, and one or two others. As soon as I was in the house Mr. Kline asked me to repeat what I had told him about what I had seen before they went to Saratoga. I did."

"Mr. Kline said to Bergen: 'Now are you satisfied?' Mr. Bergen shrugged his shoulders and said something indifferent and slighting. Mr. Kline and Mr. Bergen went upstairs."

"A moment later I heard a scuffle on the stairs and then a shot. We ran to the door and Mr. Bergen came stumbling downstairs and ran out of the front door. I did not know then that he was the one who had been shot. Then Mr. Kline came down and told us. I got out of the house as soon as I could. Mr. Lurio, the fireworks man, and his brother, who left at the same time, took me to the Port Lee ferry in their car."

Miss Thornton could not be persuaded to answer questions as to details. Asked if she saw a revolver, heard talk of a duel, or whether Bergen tried to escape from the house before he went upstairs with Kline, she said she had been instructed by the Edgewater detectives not to talk.

Joseph Lurio of Grantwood, who

Two men lashed to auto wheels found in river

On Tip in Note, Officers Find Numerous Cars on Missouri's Bottom.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 29.—The swirling, sullen depths of the Missouri River are expected to reveal the evidence of a weird murder to-day. A man, bound hand and foot, and lashed to the wheel of a motor car, lies at the bottom of an 18-foot eddy on the Kansas side of the river at Noarman, near here in Wyandotte County, officials assert.

A second body was discovered later. Under Sheriff Kepler of Wyandotte here to-day. Both bodies are here to-day. Both bodies are lashed to the steering wheels of wrecked and submerged machines. Kepler said.

Divers and workmen using tackle to automobiles said to be on the river bottom discovered the second corpse, according to Kepler. One was thought to be white and the other a Negro. Kepler appeared positive that there were at least two dead men, and was hunting for more.